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FOR ARA/ECA

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS : SHUM AR US
SUBJECT : MEETING WITH AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

1. ALTHOUGH DEPARTMENT (ARA/ECA RONDON) AND EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES ARE PROBABLY FULLY AWARE THAT MR JACOBO KOVADLOFF, DIRECTOR SOUTH AMERICAN OFFICE, AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE, HAS LEFT BUENOS AIRES AFTER RECEIVING THREATS AGAINST HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY, FOLLOWING IS REPORTED FOR THE RECORD.

2. MR KOVADLOFF CALLED ON CONGEN POLOFF JUNE 24 UPON SUGGESTION OF NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS, AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE (KELLER). KOVADLOFF SAID THAT THIS RECOMMENDATION HAD BEEN OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS SINCE HE AND HIS FAMILY NOW PLANNED TO TRAVEL DIRECTLY TO NEW YORK ON JUNE 30 RATHER THAN REMAINING FOR TWO OR THREE WEEKS IN RIO DE JANEIRO BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT TO RETURN TO ARGENTINA.

3. KOVADLOFF RECOUNTED VARIOUS THREATS HE HAD RECEIVED DURING TWO-WEEK PERIOD HE HAD BEEN IN ARGENTINA FOLLOWING CONFERENCES IN NEW YORK. HE INDICATED THAT HIS WIFE WHO HAD RECEIVED THREATS SINCE HIS DEPARTURE EARLIER THIS WEEK HAD ALREADY BEEN

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IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS WHO HAVE GONE OUT OF THEIR WAY TO EXTEND COURTESIES AND SUPPORT TO HER. KOVADLOFF WAS ALSO MOST APPRECIATIVE OF ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO HIM BY EMBASSY OFFICERS.

4. CONGEN OFF TOLD KOVADLOFF THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO ASSIST HIM IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE, BUT DID NOT FORESEE ANY PARTICULAR SECURITY PROBLEMS WHICH MIGHT AFFECT HIM DURING HIS BRIEF STAY HERE. HE INDICATED THAT HE DID NOT PLAN TO CONTACT ANY OF HIS RIO FRIENDS IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY AND ELSEWHERE UNTIL HIS FAMILY HAD SAFELY LEFT BUENOS AIRES.

5. ABOVE INFORMATION SHOULD BE CLOSELY HELD UNTIL KOVADLOFF FAMILY ARRIVES IN NYC APPROXIMATELY JULY 1.
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